



HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION



100 WINNACUNNET ROAD, HAMPTON, NH 03842

HBAC Draft minutes February 24 , 2022 at 7PM

This meeting was held live in the Selectmens' Meeting Room

Attending:

Commissioners:

Nancy Stiles, Town of Hampton, Chair
Dean Merrill, Member at Large, Vice Chair
Barbara Kravitz, RPC representative - (phoned from home)
Patricia Bushway, Member at Large
Michael Housman, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources
Alex Loiseau Hampton Beach Village District (replacing Bob Ladd)
Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District
Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce

also attending:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner

Not present:

Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation
Ann Carnaby, Administrative Assistant

WELCOME, Pledge of ALLEGIANCE

Public Comment: none

Adoption of January 27, 2022 minutes

with one correction in the Treasurer's report that the \$20,000 are state dollars, not federal dollars
acceptance of corrected minutes
moved by Merrill
seconded by Bushway
9 yes, 2 abstain, motion carried

Treasurer's report (Housman) - balance in treasury - \$25,453.82

Sub committee reports & organization

- Property review committee: nothing new
- Town Master Plan Strategy committee: Loiseau & Bushway reported that the last of the community conversations happened today - they are providing good input to the planners
- HBAC Master Plan: Kravitz reports that there were 3 submissions to our RFP committee of Stiles, Kravitz, & Carnaby, who each read and scored 3 proposals and interviewed the principal of each of the 2 highest scoring ones by Zoom. The quality of all 3 was pleasing, and the 2 interviews went well.

Vote to allow HBAC to proceed with Contract Negotiations

motion by: Bushway
second: by: Rage
Vote: motion passed unanimously

Old Business:**- update on status of SB 346 - Stiles**

this bill requires the department of environmental services to conduct feasibility and impact studies for the construction of a pier on Hampton Beach and directs the HBA Commission to study the feasibility and impact of building a pier in Hampton and makes an appropriation for the study. The original bill proposed that a pier be built over the existing jetty, but it is in some disrepair and is federally owned, so the current thinking is to build a new pier just south of Boars Head where the waters are somewhat protected by the land of Boars Head and where a new pier that is accessible to the walking disabled and where there are lifeguards nearby could be built.

Rage - thinks this will be a great asset for our beach - nearly all other beach resorts he has visited have a pier and people really seem to enjoy using it. He wonders what agency would be responsible for maintaining it
Stiles - we (HBAC) will oversee the contract and suggests that we appoint an oversight committee of stakeholders to interact with whomever is named to conduct the feasibility and impact studies. The bill went to commerce on the senate side, not sure what the committee assignment will be when it goes to the house, which will probably be 3/15 at crossover, though it could be sooner.

other old business - status of the bridge project...

Stiles the money is in place - expects another public meeting in April - construction is still scheduled for 2024. they may push the Rte 1A project back as the costs are closer to \$60 million. Stiles has been in touch with our federal delegation about when the big money is coming but no answer yet.

New Business:

Kravitz has heard there are repairs planned to the existing jetty - will follow up & report back next meeting

Next meeting: March 24, 2022 7pm

Adjourn at: 7:16 PM

motion by: Preston

second: by: Housman

Vote: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby

HBAC Administrative Assistant